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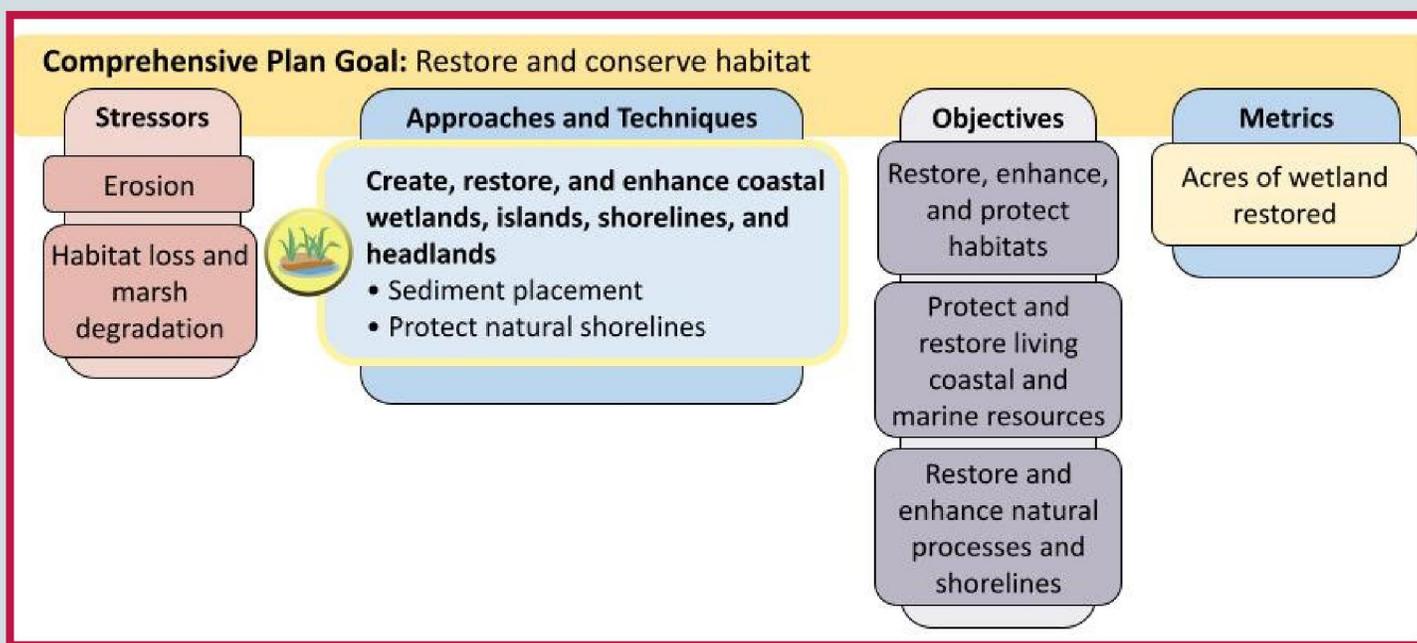
Restoration of Grand Batture Island (New Project)

The States of Mississippi and Alabama are requesting \$55M in funding for the proposed cross-border *Restoration of the Grand Batture Island* project. In addition, the RESTORE Council proposes to reallocate \$1,950,000 in savings from a previously approved project to further support this activity. This project will support the restoration and protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region by creating, restoring and enhancing coastal habitats through the restoration of Grand Batture Island in Jackson County, Mississippi and Mobile County, Alabama.

The remnants of Grand Batture Island are characterized by natural sandy beaches, dunes and back barrier marsh. In the past, the island played a crucial role by protecting extensive intertidal marshes and supporting thriving oyster and submerged aquatic vegetation beds within Point aux Chenes Bay, Middle Bay and Grand Bay. Restoration actions would reduce erosion rates, protect essential coastal marsh and create crucial habitat for many species including shorebirds and the diamondback terrapin. This project supports the Council's primary goal of restoring and conserving habitats. The project duration is 10 years.

Project at a Glance

The *Restoration of Grand Batture Island* project in Mississippi and Alabama applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the objectives, to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitats* and to *Protect and restore living coastal and marine resources*, stressors such as erosion, habitat loss and marsh degradation will be addressed using the *Sediment placement* technique and the *Protect natural shorelines* technique. Success using *Sediment placement* and *natural shoreline protection* may be tracked using acres of wetland restored as a metric.



**Draft FPL 2026 Public Comment Period:
November 20 - 11:59 PM MT January 2, 2026**

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